



MORNING PRAISE

PERSHORE ABBEY

Sunday, 23 OCTOBER

BIBLE SUNDAY

MORNING PRAISE SERVICE SHEET, BULLETIN & DIARY

The 1030 Service will be live-streamed and available to view on our YouTube channel.

You can join in live at 1030 or catch up later in the day or week.

Remember to take this service sheet and bulletin home with you when you leave and please recycle when you have finished with it.

Welcome and Introduction

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you
and also with you.

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Hymn 236

Breathe on me, breath of God

1. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.
2. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure;
until with thee I will one will,
to do and to endure.
3. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
till I am wholly thine;
until this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.
4. Breathe on me, Breath of God:
so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity.

Please sit or kneel for our prayers

Confession

The word of God is living and active. It judges the thoughts and intentions of the heart. All is open and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we give account. We confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

May almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in life eternal, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect for the day

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Hymn 387

Rise and hear, the Lord is speaking

1. Rise and hear! The Lord is speaking,
as the gospel words unfold;
we, in all our agelong seeking,
find no firmer truth to hold.
2. Word of goodness, truth, and beauty,
heard by simple folk and wise,
word of freedom, word of duty,
word of life beyond our eyes.
3. Word of God's forgiveness granted
to the wild or guilty soul,
word of love that works undaunted
changes, heals, and makes us whole.
4. Speak to us, O Lord, believing,
as we hear, the sower sows;
may our hearts, your word receiving,
be the good ground where it grows.

Howard Charles Adie Gaunt (1902-1983)

The Gospel – Luke 4:16-24

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: ‘The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.’ And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, ‘Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.’ All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, ‘Is not this Joseph’s son?’ He said to them, ‘Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, “Doctor, cure yourself!” And you will say, “Do here also in your home town the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.”’ And he said, ‘Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet’s home town.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Reflection

Declaration of Faith

We say together

**We believe in God the Father,
who created everything in heaven and on earth.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith and fills us with His love**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us with power from on high.**

We believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Peace

God is love and those who live in love live in God and God lives in them. The Peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

We offer God our Prayers and Thanks

At the end of each prayer when you hear 'Lord in your mercy' please respond 'hear our prayer'.

We end by saying together The Lord's Prayer:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Hymn 238

Come down O love divine (*Down Ampney*)

1. Come down, O Love divine,
seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.
2. O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
and let thy glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.
3. Let holy charity
mine outward vesture be,
and lowliness become mine inner clothing:
true lowliness of heart,
which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

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4. And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace,
till he become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

Discendi, amor santo

Bianco Da Siena (d.1434)

Translated by Richard Frederick Littledale (1833-1890)

Thanksgiving and Blessing

Eternal God, our beginning and our end, accompany us in this day's journey. Dawn on our darkness, open our eyes to praise you for your creation and to see the work you set before us today. Take us and use us to bring to others the new life you give in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
be with us all,
evermore. Amen.**

Go in the joy and peace of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

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[Pershore Abbey Community on YouTube](#)

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PERSHORE BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY

23 OCTOBER 2022

As a Kingdom People we are churches that seek to:

- Worship God
- Welcome All
- Reach out to the world

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BENEFICE OFFICE OPENING HOURS

TUESDAY - THURSDAY 1100 - 1200 ONLY

(excluding Bank Holidays)

The office staff will also be available to answer enquiries by phone or email on weekday mornings from **0930 –1300**

Please email your enquiry to office@pershoreabbey.org.uk or leave a message on 01386 552071 and they will get back to you as soon as they can.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

WE PRAY FOR ALL OF THOSE AFFECTED BY THE WAR IN THE UKRAINE

We pray for those whose weddings, blessings and baptisms are taking place and for all those who are making new plans to celebrate these special life events.

We pray for all those welcoming new life into their families.

We pray for those in need.

We pray for those who have died and for their families and friends.

We pray for those whose anniversary of death occurs in the coming week.

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BULLETIN NOTICES

IONA WORSHIP OCTOBER 2022: HOMELESSNESS is the theme of the Iona service on **Sunday 23 October** at **1700** in the Abbey. Everyone is very welcome to this small, informal service with the opportunity for reflection and the sharing of short stories about homelessness. If you'd like the Zoom link for the service please email Helen on iona@pershoreabbey.org.uk

ALL SAINTS' DAY 30 OCTOBER PERSHORE ABBEY 1030: At this service we remember all saints and martyrs throughout Christian history. We welcome everyone in the Pershore Benefice to Pershore Abbey to celebrate this day with us.

TREE SERVICE AT JUBILEE WOOD, BIRLINGHAM - 6 NOVEMBER 1030: Everyone is



invited to join this outdoor service as we give thanks for trees and God's creation. Please bring a chair if you'd like to be seated and sturdy shoes are advised. If able, it is suggested that parking at the St James' Church and walking down to the wood is the best plan, as parking is very limited. The wood can be found on the right hand side of the main village road toward Lower End, just past Birlingham House. There will be refreshments in church after the service together with the opportunity to take home a bee friendly sapling. *Claire*

ALL SOULS' SERVICE 6 NOVEMBER PERSHORE ABBEY 1700: We have written to those who have been bereaved in the last eighteen months and shared with them that their loved one's name will be remembered at this quiet and reflective service.

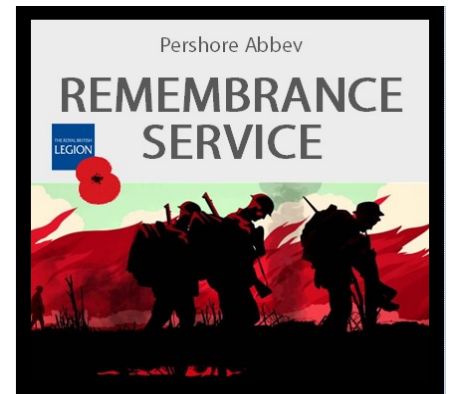
If your bereavement is from earlier and you would like your loved one to be remembered please let the office know, preferably by email by 2 November to office@pershoreabbey.org.uk. There will also be sheets at the back of our churches over the coming weeks if you prefer to leave names that way.

This service will be live-streamed on our YouTube channel for those who are unable to attend in person. You are also very welcome to come into the Abbey to light your own candle for a loved one at any time. *Claire*



2022 REMEMBRANCE SERVICES IN THE PERSHORE BENEFICE

ST JAMES', BIRLINGHAM 1050 11 NOVEMBER: Birlingham will be commemorating Armistice Day on Friday 11 November at an outside service taken by Peter Stansbie. People are asked to assemble by 1050 around the War Memorial on the Village Green for the short service of remembrance.



Lest we forget

PERSHORE ABBEY 1040 13 NOVEMBER: We are looking forward to welcoming everyone to this special service when we gather to remember all those who have died in war and conflict.

We are very pleased that our Pershore Abbey Remembrance Service will not be ticketed this year, as it was throughout the Covid pandemic. We have arranged a seating plan which embraces both our visiting organisations and our regular congregation and would like to reassure you that we have plenty of seats to welcome you all safely.

ST NICHOLAS', PINVIN 1030 13 NOVEMBER: Join the village of Pinvin for their service at 1030 with Pinvin Girl Guides.

ST MARY'S, WICK 1500 13 NOVEMBER: Join Wick village as they gather round the war memorial in the churchyard.

ABBEY SHOEBOX SUNDAY: On **Sunday 06 November**, we will be holding our annual Shoebox Sunday, all children and young people are very welcome to come along at **1030** at **St Andrew's** to help pack the boxes. We would be very grateful for donations of empty **shoe boxes** and the following items to help fill them - we particularly need **soaps, flannels, toothbrushes, toothpaste, rubbers, pencil sharpeners, tennis balls, small soft teddies, felt tip pens & pads, and boy's toys. Sweets and chocolates** with a long sell by date may also be included. Please place items in the box at the back of the church during service times. Again, this year we will be supporting Teams4U, it costs a minimum of £2.50 to send each shoe box; if you prefer to contribute to this it would be greatly appreciated. Please give any monetary gifts in an envelope to Suzanne Clarke. *Thank you, Suzanne.*

A NEW CHILDREN AND FAMILIES WORKER FOR THE ABBEY: In March the PCC held an 'away day' (in St Andrew's) and developed our strategy for the next few years. Our key priority was seen as developing our mission to children, young people, and families. We have built on this using the Healthier Churches Fund from the Diocese to seek funding for a half time Children and Families worker.

A small group (Claire, Peter, Suzanne and Martin Fowler) then developed the job details with help from Simon Hill of the Young Disciples Team and sought funding for a half time post for 5 years.

I am delighted to say that the Bishop's Council approved the post in principle recently and further discussions with John Preston, Diocesan Secretary allowed Claire to accept the offer of funding from the Diocese to let us proceed. We will now move forward with advertising the post locally and more widely with the Diocese, if necessary. This is a marvellous opportunity for us to move forward with our strategy of developing our mission to young people, and with families as we move forward. *Peter Stansbie*

BIBLE STUDY - TREES & PEOPLE IN THE BIBLE ASSOCIATED WITH THEM: The first session of Revd Philip Hughes' course will be on **Friday 28 October** at **1900** at **27 Bridge Street** Parking is permitted after 1800 on the yellow line outside. We continue for the following 5 Fridays at the same time and place. Enquiries to Revd Philip Hughes via the office at **office@pershoreabbey.org.uk**

VOCATIONS MARKETPLACE EVENT - TUESDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2022: A virtual Zoom event from the Diocese of Worcester for those wanting to explore God's call on their lives and particularly those beginning to think about some form of ministry in the church.

The event will focus on:

- Ordained Ministry (stipendiary and self-supporting)
- Licensed Lay Ministry / Reader
- Authorized Lay Ministry (esp. Pastoral and Worship streams)
- Youth & Children's work (inc. ALM Youth & Children's stream)
- Not sure / Those who are not sure exactly what God is calling them to.

There are of course a whole variety of other ways people live out their vocations, but the aim is to deliberately keep this event relatively tightly focused.

During the evening participants will consider some general principles around vocation and ministry and there is the offer of breakout sessions on each of the above bullet points, with the people responsible for selection and training for these. Everyone attending will have the opportunity to join two of these breakout sessions, so they don't need to have a specific ministry in mind, but it would be good to think in advance about which two workshop sessions might be of most benefit to you if you wish to attend.

Places must be booked in advance, and this can be done simply by emailing **training@cofe-worcester.org.uk** before **Friday 11 November 2022**.

A NEW CHRISTMAS CARD FOR PERSHORE ABBEY: This year we are looking for something a little bit different and thought we would get the congregation involved! If you have any Christmas inspired or Christmas themed images of the Abbey which you feel would make a good Christmas card and which capture the spirit of our church, please can you forward them to office@pershoreabbey.org.uk for our consideration. We would particularly like pictures of the tree, or the crib or perhaps the candles at the advent carol service to bring our cards to life. Images need to be supplied in good quality jpeg or similar.

PASA COFFEE MORNING SATURDAY 22 OCTOBER 2022 1030-1200 NOON:

Join us again for our monthly parish coffee morning on **Saturday 22 October**. Just drop in to **St Andrew's Centre** between **1030** and **1200** noon for coffee, cakes and a chat! We look forward to seeing you there. *Sara Speed, PASA (Persnore Abbey and St Andrew's)*

Please see October Bulletin for more notices and further information

PERSHORE BENEFICE NOVEMBER BULLETIN: If you require a notice to be placed in the November monthly bulletin, our deadline date is **Sunday 30 October**. Please send all your notices to the office via email: office@pershoreabbey.org.uk. *Thank you*

ADOPT A PIPE UPDATE - LAST FEW LARGE PIPES REMAINING!



The adopt a pipe scheme continues to be well supported with only a few of the large visible pipes left for donors to adopt!

There are many smaller pipes still available too, so if you are looking for an alternative Christmas gift, take a look at the [Adopt a Pipe Scheme Leaflet](#) for further details.

We also have special certificates available for those wishing to adopt a pipe as a gift.

If you need any help in accessing any of the online features mentioned in the service sheet or bulletin, please do not hesitate to contact the office or Revd Claire Lording for support.



Pershore Abbey
**WINTER 2022/2023
CONCERT PROGRAMME**

SATURDAY 29 OCTOBER 1930

iSing Choir "You Will Be Found" Charity Concert
in aid of Pershore Wellbeing Hub

SATURDAY 05 NOVEMBER 1430

Philomusica of Gloucester & Worcestershire

SATURDAY 12 NOVEMBER 1430

Worcester Philharmonic Orchestra 50th Anniversary Concert

SATURDAY 19 NOVEMBER 1930

Pershore Choral Autumn Concert

FRIDAY 25 NOVEMBER 1930

Vocal High with Sisters of Sound

SATURDAY 26 NOVEMBER 1930

Baroque Singers of the Elgar School of Music

SATURDAY 03 DECEMBER 1400

Worcester Federation of WI's & Rock Choir Christmas Kick-Off

FRIDAY 09 & SATURDAY 10 DECEMBER 1900

Worcester Male Voice Choir Christmas Concert

FRIDAY 16 DECEMBER 1930

Pershore Town Choir Celebration of Christmas

SATURDAY 17 DECEMBER 1930

Pershore Choral Carol Concert

SATURDAY 7 JANUARY 1430

Worcester Philharmonic Orchestra New Year Concert

Over the Winter Season we will also be holding Advent and Christmas Services
as well as welcoming our local schools and their families for their special
Christmas Celebrations

For full details and booking information visit
www.pershoreabbey.org.uk/service-events/#events
or call the Pershore Abbey & Benefice Office **01386 552071**

ABBAY & BENEFICE DIARY

Canon Claire's usual day off is Friday. Claire will not be available for commitments on this day.
If you have an enquiry, she will get back to you as soon as she can.

Sunday 23 October - Bible Sunday

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

10:30 Morning Praise with *LIVESTREAM* (*Pershore Abbey*)

10:30 Parish Communion (*St Mary's, Wick*)

12:30 Service of Holy Baptism (*Pershore Abbey*)

14:30 Service of Holy Baptism (*Pershore Abbey*)

17:00 Iona Service (*Pershore Abbey*)

PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES:

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Matins

1700 Evening Prayer

Monday 24 October

ALL DAY—Rope Access Survey (*Pershore Abbey*)

09:30 DAWN Support (*St Andrew's Upper*)

13:00 Pershore Craft & Chat (*St Andrew's Main*)

13:30 Me, You and a Brew (*St Andrew's Upper*)

18:30 Bell Ringing Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

18:45 Wedding Rehearsal for Luke Webb & Whitney Smith (*Pershore Abbey*)

19:00 Pershore Community Choir

(*St Andrew's Main*)

19:30 Bell Ringers AGM (*Pershore Abbey*)

Tuesday 25 October

10:30 Private Meeting (*Pershore Abbey*)

11:00 CTIP Foodbank (*St Andrew's Main*)

14:30 Mothers' Union (*St Andrews's Main*)

19:15 Private Meeting (*St Andrew's Upper*)

Wednesday 26 October

11:00 Organ Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

13:00 Pershore Craft & Chat (*St Andrew's Main*)

15:00 V&W (SC)

19:00 Pershore Town Choir (*Pershore Abbey*)

19:00 Vale Harmony (*St Andrew's Main*)

Thursday 27 October

10:00 Private meeting (*St Andrew's Main*)

18:00 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

18:45 Read Easy Meeting (*St Andrew's Main*)

Friday 28 October

09:30 Babies & Toddlers (*St Andrew's Main*)

13:00 CTIP Foodbank (*St Andrew's Main*)

13:00 Wedding Service for Luke Webb & Whitney Smith (*Pershore Abbey*)

19:00 Tree Study Course (*Private Residence*)

Saturday 29 October

19:30 I-Sing Concert (*Pershore Abbey*)

Sunday 30 October - All Saints' Day

Daylight Saving time Ends

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

10:00 Private Party (*St Andrew's Main*)

10:30 Benefice Sung Eucharist with
LIVESTREAM (*Pershore Abbey*)

12:30 Service of Holy Baptism (*Pershore Abbey*)

14:30 Service of Holy Baptism (*Pershore Abbey*)



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